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mb2026sppq.xlsx:

Listing of diffusion and diffusion-related articles appearing in SPPQ. Data collected by the authors from the full listing of all articles appearing in *SPPQ* from the publishers' websites (Sage and Cambridge) and JSTOR.

Variable	Definition
Year	Year article appeared in print from citation.
Volume	Journal volume number from citation.
Issue	Journal issue number from citation.
Authors	Article authors from citation.
Title	Article title from citation.
Pages	Article pages in print from citation.
Abstract	Article abstract.
keywords	Keywords from article listing (when available).
URL	Link to article, either through its DOI or to JSTOR.
citation	Full article citation details.
Category	Diffusion topic area article coded into by Matthews and Boehmke.

mb2026sppq-otherjournals.xlsx:

Counts of diffusion articles from select journals during the period 2000-2025 collected from authors' searches on Clarivate's Web of Science.

Variable	Definition
journal	Title of journal searched.
total articles	Count of articles returned by the search.
articles with keywords	Count of articles containing diffusion keywords returned by the search.
percent	Articles containing keywords as a percent of articles in that journal.
percent of All PS	Articles containing keywords as a percent of all articles published in any Political Science journal.